

FURY OF THE WIND

Fierce Gales Sweep Over Parts of Western England

TOWNS BURIED UNDER SNOW

Cities Isolated by Deep Drifts—Fruit and Other Crops Injured by Extreme Cold.

LONDON, April 18.—Snowstorms prevailed throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom and the budding trees and sprouting crops have been much damaged. The telegraph service throughout the country is disorganized by the breaking down of wires beneath the weight of the snow that has fallen on them, and poles have been blown down in every direction. Many towns are still completely isolated by the heavy drifts and are cut off from communication with the outside world by the destruction of the telegraph lines.

Farmers Lose Heavily.

In the county of Essex, the Stour, Blackwater, Lea, Roding and other rivers have been swelled to an abnormal height by the storms, and in many places the country is flooded. In some parts the situation is serious. The losses incurred by farmers and fruit growers will be very great owing to the vegetables being either washed out of the ground or killed by the frost. Fruit trees that were budding and giving promise of an abundant yield are now blasted and will yield nothing.

The Potato Crop Ruined.
Great damage has been done to the crops in the Channel islands. On the island of Jersey, where snow and frost are rare, the weather has been phenomenally cold. It is estimated that here alone the loss in the potato crop will amount to £150,000.

Snow a Foot Deep.

The cold shows no sign of abatement. In many places the ground is covered with snow a foot deep. In some parts of the country the storms have been as severe as any that occurred during the winter—regular blizzards, in fact. The meteorological observations show that the storm now prevailing is traveling in a northeasterly direction, and dispatches announce that it is beginning to be felt in the Baltic.

In France.
Dispatches from Paris and places in the north of France state that hail and sleet are falling, and the weather is bitterly cold. It is feared that much damage will be done to the early crops.

FATAL RESULTS OF A SMASHUP.

A **Hydramor Killed at Monticello in a Railroad Collision—Another Accident.**

MONTICELLO, Ill., April 18.—One man was killed and several were injured in this city Saturday night by the collision of a fast Wabash freight with an Illinois Central train at the crossing here. The Wabash train did not stop for the crossing; the engineer claiming the brakes did not work properly, and crashed into the Central train. Taylor Conrad and James Marvin, two residents of this city, who were waiting for the train to pass, were caught by the Wabash as it left the track. Conrad was instantly killed and Marvin was badly injured, one arm being cut off at the elbow. While the wreck was being cleared away a car truck fell from the derrick, killing William Haines, a brakeman of Decatur, and injuring three others, William Marvin probably fatally. His leg was broken and he sustained internal injuries.

INDIANA POLITICS.

The Democratic Convention to be held on Thursday.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 18.—The Democratic state convention will meet Thursday, April 21. The indications now are that it will be one of the most important political gatherings, and perhaps the most exciting in its details, that ever assembled in Indiana. Interest centers around two prominent features: First, as to which of the two factions—named for brevity Gray and Cleveland—will secure the most delegates and thus control the convention's instructions to the delegates that will go to Chicago; secondly, who will be nominated for governor.

As to the first it is impossible to make any intelligent forecast, as many county conventions have not yet met. Up to this time perhaps more counties have instructed for Gray than for Cleveland, yet the general drift seems to be in favor of instructing for Cleveland for president and Gray for vice president.

The race for the nomination of governor is engrossing the attention and interest of both the managers and rank and file of the party. The recent determination of Secretary of State Matthews to enter the list has increased the interest to a marked degree. Fortunately or unfortunately, of the sixty-three counties out of the ninety-two that have held conventions to select delegates to the state convention but twenty have instructed for governor, so that when the delegates meet they come untrammelled and can be guided by the developments of the hour. Eight counties have instructed for Editor Shanklin, eight for Mortimer Nye, three for Speaker Niblack, and one for Matthews. These, then, are the four candidates, and one will certainly be nominated, and the one who develops the most strength next to him will probably be the nominee for lieutenant-governor.

DOWNFALL OF A SOCIETY MAN.

Joseph J. Snapp, of St. Paul, Arrested for Moving stolen \$4,000.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 18.—Sheriff lean and two of his deputies rounded up Joseph J. Snapp, one of the worst criminals in the country, Saturday night, and during the evening he confessed his latest crime, that of robbing the Northern Pacific Railway company of \$4,750. One of the most remarkable things about it all is that he has for several years been a society leader in St. Paul, and less than two years ago he married Miss Rose Farrington, daughter of John Farrington, collector of customs during the Cleveland administration. The real sensation in the matter, however, came out shortly before midnight, when it was learned that, with two city officials of Louisville in 1893, Snapp robbed the Kentucky city of from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000, all the men were arrested and

sentenced to long terms in the Kentucky state prison. His accomplices served their terms, but Snapp carried his case to the supreme court and escaped on a technicality.

UNDER WATER.

Thousands of Acres of Wheat Land in Illinois Submerged.

WHITEHALL, Ill., April 18.—The heaviest rain ever known here fell Sunday night. The Hartwell levee, which protected several thousand acres of farming land, mostly planted in wheat, broke, and the whole country is now under water. All the country bridges were swept away and all bottom lands along the streams are submerged, which means that many thousands of acres of wheat have been destroyed. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy reservoir, which was several acres in extent, also gave way and is now empty. The aggregate loss will be very large.

FATAL BOSTON FIRE.

Mrs. Jacob Rubens Killed and Her Husband Fatally Injured.

BOSTON, April 18.—Fire with fatal results occurred at No. 153 South street Sunday night. The building was four stories, the first floor and basement being used as a cigar factory and the upper floors for a residence. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rubens jumped from the third story, Mrs. Rubens being killed and her husband fatally injured. Mrs. Max Rubens' son-in-law also jumped and received fatal injuries. Mrs. Cohen fell downstairs in trying to escape and broke her skull. All the others escaped unhurt. Loss by fire only \$5,000.

BASEBALL.

Standing of the National League Clubs at the Close of the First Week's Play.

The following table shows the standing of the National league clubs at the close of the first week of the season:

	Won.	Lost.	Per Cent.
Boston	2	0	1.000
New York	2	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2	1	.750
Chicago	2	1	.667
Brooklyn	2	1	.667
Philadelphia	2	1	.667
St. Louis	1	2	.333
Cleveland	1	2	.333
Cincinnati	1	2	.333
Baltimore	0	3	.000
Washington	0	3	.000

Tragedy Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Henry Frahn, a German farmer at Dunning, shot his wife, Mary, Saturday night, then placed the revolver against his own forehead and killed himself instantly. Mrs. Frahn's wound, though serious, is not necessarily fatal. She was resting easily at the house Saturday night, and the doctors who attended her thought she would recover. Frahn was 58 years old. He was undoubtedly insane.

Loss of Miners' Wages.

LONDON, April 18.—It is estimated that the loss in wages to the Durham miners during the five weeks that they have been on strike is £1,250,000 (\$6,250,000). The condition of the miners and their families is deplorable, and the distress among workmen in the various industries more or less directly affected by the shut-down of the mines is growing more severe every day. The loss to the mine-owners, too, is great.

Side Doors Were Open.

NEW YORK, April 18.—It was predicted, owing to Superintendent Byrne's orders to the police captains, that Sunday—Easter—would be the driest Sunday on record in New York. Such was not the case, however. There was a direct return to the old order of things. Side doors were worked with the same confidence and easy way as before the Parkhurst crusade. Forty-one violators were arrested.

Smothered by Sand.

DENVER, Col., April 18.—Sunday morning Edward Armijo, a student at the Jesuit college, was smothered to death in a sand bank in which he was at play. He had dug a hole 10 feet deep. A companion, John Reyno, was also buried by the cave in, but was rescued. Armijo was the son of Nicholas Armijo, a wealthy land owner of Las Vegas, who recently shot himself.

Threaten to Strike.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A strike is imminent on the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central railroads on account of the action of the Reading combine in restricting the output of coal in order to run up prices, thus causing many freight trains to be taken off the roads.

Capt. Yocum Pardoned.

OMAHA, Neb., April 18.—Capt. A. D. Yocum, who killed Myron Van Fleet, the correspondent of a sensational sheet, for slandering his daughter, and who was on Friday sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, has been pardoned by Gov. Boyd.

Two Heavy Shocks of Earthquake.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—At 2:50 o'clock Sunday afternoon two heavy shocks of earthquake were felt in Portland and points near by. Vibrations were from west to east and lasted about ten seconds in each case. Many persons became frightened when buildings began to tremble and rushed into the street. No damage was done.

Three People Killed by a Cyclone.

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 18.—A report from the western part of the Creek nation states that a cyclone passed through that section of the country a night or two ago, destroying over a dozen houses and many barns, and killing three people and a large number of horses and cattle.

Woman Struck by an Engine.

BALLINGER, Tex., April 18.—Sunday afternoon Mrs. Dr. Younger and Mrs. George Sheder were buggy-riding, and while crossing the railroad track were struck by an engine, smashing the vehicle, knocking both ladies out, killing Mrs. Dr. Younger and fatally injuring Mrs. Sheder.

May Day Ahead.

LONDON, April 18.—It is expected that workmen's processions on May day will be actively forbidden in Germany. Preparations for socialistic demonstrations in Italy on that day are causing alarm. In France it is expected that 5,000,000 socialists will march in processions.

Struck by the Overland Train.

DIXON, Ill., April 18.—Miss Jane Hanson, aged 66, of Franklin Grove, was struck by the overland passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern Sunday afternoon and instantly killed.

Killed Her Little Baby.

PORTLAND, Me., April 18.—Sunday afternoon, on Emerson street, Mrs. James Robertson cut the throat of her 3-week-old baby and then tried to kill herself.

IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Ex-Clerk Young Demands Investigation by the Senate

HE WANTS TO HAVE FAIR PLAY

A Letter to Vice-President Morton—He Denies the Charges of Betraying Executive Session Secrets.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—James R. Young, who was recently removed from his position as executive clerk of the senate, has written a long letter to Vice President Morton, in which he denies in the most emphatic manner that he ever betrayed any executive proceedings of the senate. He also cites his letter to Senator Cameron, in which he refused to resign, and asks for an investigation by the senate of what he understands he is charged with. Mr. Young says that his resignation would have been an admission of guilt, hence his refusal to resign. Mr. Young's letter concludes:

An Appeal for Justice.
"My right as a citizen to absolute justice is as sacred as the dignity of the senate, and if I cannot obtain it at that august tribunal I can appeal to one even more august—that of my countrymen. This I now do through you. During these debates in the senate, and the myriad publications in the press, I have maintained absolute silence. I feel that in writing to Senator Cameron my duty as to self-justification was done. I have approached no senator for aid, nor sought in any way to influence the act of gentlemen—so many of whom have become dear to me through years of friendship and association. When friends advised me to poll the senate and make some kind of campaign, as is often the custom when matters are at issue, I said that I asked no defense, no explanation, no palliation, no appeal for mercy. He was my enemy who would do it in my name. I simply asked cold, unsparring justice. Two weeks passed and the senate resumed my case. After debate and under pressure of a portion of the committee on foreign relations a resolution was passed declaring my office vacant. The senate which passed it, I understand, was so small that a quorum was obtained with difficulty. So ends my fifteen years of service. All I asked from the senate was an inquiry. This a senate, coerced, reluctant majority denied. Because I declined to accept the advice of Senator Cameron and resign my office has been declared vacant. All I ask now is that one of the senators who has pursued me in secret should waive the constitutional privilege for words spoken in debate and allow in public a responsibility for charges made during two afternoon sessions of angry discussion. I shall then be in the open and able to protect myself. I can promise a swift and decisive answer—one that will satisfy the country. This is an appeal to manliness, justice, and fair play. I cannot believe that it is made in vain."

TROUBLE BREWING.

Rustlers Threaten to Attack the Troops Unless the Prisoners Be Turned Over.

GILLETTE, Wyo., April 18.—The situation here is if anything more exciting than before the invading army of cattlemen was surrendered to the United States troops. It is now certain that a plan is arranged by which so-called rustlers will make an effort to take the prisoners by force from the troops, if it is seen that they will not be turned over for trial to the civil authorities. This does not necessarily mean that they are to be mobbed, but the people are determined to have them submit to the laws governing such cases, even if it costs much bloodshed.

Everybody is armed, and though the people desire to uphold the law, yet they fear the prisoners will be assisted out of the country by the wealthy cattlemen. The rustlers are greatly excited and bitter against the cattlemen. The prisoners are to be moved to Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City. Col. Van Horn has been warned that the troops will be attacked en route, and is preparing for and expects engagements. If the rustlers make the attack it will certainly be a sanguinary battle.

The rustlers, who number over 1,000 and are all well-armed, insist that Hessa, Ford and Elliott, the imprisoned cattlemen, be delivered to them. If they get the prisoners they certainly will be hanged. Col. Van Horn hesitates to remove the prisoners, fearing the troops will be overpowered. The leader of the rustlers, M. A. Reider, is a young Methodist minister, who possesses the absolute confidence of his followers.

Gov. Barber is determined to check the warfare even if he has to call on the government for troops. Everybody familiar with the situation is apprehensive of another outbreak.

OMAHA, Neb., April 18.—Under orders from Col. Sheridan, adjutant general department of the Platte, the attaches of the adjutant's office remained on duty at army headquarters until midnight in order to be prepared to handle dispatches from the seat of trouble in Wyoming. Col. Van Horn, the commanding officer at Fort McKinney, ordered three troops of cavalry to escort the captured cattlemen to Douglas. If any trouble is brewing it will take place between the fort and railway station. It is understood that the prisoners will be taken to Fort Russell—Cheyenne—where the Seventeenth infantry is stationed. From the general talk among army officers it was inferred that a fight would take place.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 18.—It is now nearly thirty-six hours since a message has passed over the Buffalo wire. The condition of things in that country is mere conjecture. The latest intelligence was the refusal of Sheriff Angus to turn over to Col. Van Horn, of the Sixth cavalry, the prisoners captured from the cattlemen's party.

Death of a Prominent Chicagoan.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Harvey D. Colvin, mayor of Chicago during the years 1873 to 1875, died at the residence of his son, ex-Alderman John H. Colvin, South Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday last, after a short attack of pneumonia.

Review of cheap imitations.

Review of cheap imitations, "out prices," offered by a number of dealers as Doctor Pierce's genuine medicine. To prevent fraud and imposition, the genuine guaranteed medicines are sold only through registered long-established prices: Golden Medical Discovery for Liver, Blood and Lung Diseases, \$1.00; Favorite Prescription for women's weakness and ailments, \$1.00; Pleasant Pellets for the liver, 50c. But at these prices, which must be paid for the genuine, Dr. Pierce's medicines are not only the best, but they're the cheapest, for they're guaranteed in every case to benefit or cure, or the money is refunded.

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The brightest gems, the rarest weaves, the greatest bargain will confront the multitudes who visit the store during the next six days.

Every department will furnish strong inducements in favor of immediate purchase. Let no one delude you into the belief that they can offer you better inducements for your patronage. We never surrender our position as the largest, the leading and the most reliable dry goods house in Western Michigan. Our store is full to the rafters with choice selections. There is an Easter thought in the dainty fabric, the fluffy white fans of ostrich and gauze material. There's a delightful suggestion of balmy breezes, of rolling surf and quiet rest in the shade of one of our stunning parasols, of which we show everything out.

Our Spring Cloaks and Wraps!

Are veritable Easter lilies plucked from the garden of the earth's king manufacturers. Your time to buy a new wrap will be this week.

DRESS GOODS!

We back our argument with facts.

THESE ARE THIS WEEK'S PRICES!

25 pieces Alexander Twills, All shades, 36 inches,	23½c	35 pieces All-wool Suitings, plain and fancy.	37½c
40 pieces Diagonal and Henriettas, Plain colors, 36 inches,	26½c	46 pieces Henriettas, Serges and Mixed Effects, all wool,	48c
Fine assortment of Silk Sublimes, 44-46 in., \$1.25 and \$1.50,	98c	1700 yards (30 styles) New and Beautiful Brilliantine Challies just opened.	
A full assortment of Pattern Dresses, Just received \$4.50 to \$12.50			

ANOTHER OUTBREAK

A Wild Charge will be made at

THE VOSSEN STOCK

MONDAY MORNING.

The crazy man with his pencil has slashed the prices right and left to close the goods out quick.

IT IS A FATAL STAB--READ!

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.	DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.	HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR DEPT.
Good Prints, per yard.....	200 yds Plain, Plaid and Striped Dress Goods, worth 25c and 35c. for.....	75 dozen Children's Ribbed, fast black Hose, sizes 8 to 9½, worth 15c to 20c. for.....
Best Prints, per yard.....	1000 yards Plain and Fancy Goods, worth 40c and 50c. for.....	100 dozen Children's Ribbed, Seamless, fast black Hose, sizes 6 to 9½, worth 15c to 20c. for.....
200 pieces Gingham, per yard.....	50 Fatigues, 2 yards each, worth \$2.50. for.....	57 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Halbriggan Suits worth 75c. for.....
125 pieces Fine Gingham.....	85 pieces U-bleached 34 yd wide Cotton 19c	
100 pieces Unbleached yard wide Cotton.....	60 Dress Patterns, worth \$5.00, at.....	
100 pieces U-bleached 34 yd wide Cotton.....	50 Dress Patterns, worth \$2.50, for.....	
40 pieces Unbleached 34 yd wide Cotton.....	60 Dress Patterns, worth \$1.00, for.....	
125 pieces Bleached yard wide Cotton.....		
100 pieces Bleached 34 yd wide Cotton.....		
37 pieces Bleached 34 yd wide Cotton.....		
30 pieces Bleached 34 yd wide Cotton.....		
25 pieces Union wide Serge Dress Goods color, worth 10c.....		
40 yds V-elastic Dress Goods, yd wide worth 25c.....		

KID GLOVES.

40 dozen Ladies' 4-button Knuckle Gloves every pair warranted, worth \$1.00, at 60c.

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